

Newport Library Board Meeting
Wednesday November 7, 2012

Present: Carol Ruggeri, Ted Smith, Chip Norman, Sharon Beardsley, Sue Fowler (observer) and Kay Eldon (note-taker)

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm
2. **Minutes:** Chip moved to approve the minutes, Carol seconded and the motion passed
3. **Librarian's Report:** Ted brought up the issue of long-overdue items. He would like to bring this issue to the attention of the City Council. There is language in the Oregon Revised Statutes that proclaims keeping overdue library books is a Class B violation, and Ted would like to add the ORS language to Newport Library's overdue notices. Ted would also like to submit something to the News-Times and/or the radio stations to explain this issue. The library would have grounds for taking people to court. Sharon moved for Ted to make a plan, Carol seconded and the motion passed. Ted will produce a report for the next Board meeting.
4. **Council Report:** Patti Littlehales, Michelle Longo-Eder and Carol Ruggeri made a presentation to the City Council asking for money to put towards our assessment project. An article appeared online in "News Lincoln County". The City budget cycle doesn't start until the spring but Ted is already busy writing grants.
5. **Passport Program:** Oregon Library Association and the Oregon State Library are working on a program that would allow patrons of participating Oregon libraries to get library cards at any other participating library. For example, Newport Library would make patrons from another Passport library fill out one of our applications, but we would not charge them. Ted wants to bring up this issue with the library staff and see how they feel about it, and also work out the details. Ted will bring the issue back to the Library Board.
6. **Other:** Ted passed out a list of Library Goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00